



Postsecondary Education NEWS FROM FRANKFORT

News Update from the Council on Postsecondary Education

2006 Legislative Session Wraps Up

The 2006 General Assembly adjourned late in the evening April 12 after a lengthy legislative session that included a week of intense budget negotiations. By the end of the 60 day session, lawmakers had considered more than 1,000 bills and sent over 250 pieces of legislation to the governor for his signature. The 2006-08 postsecondary and adult education budget includes institutional operating increases totaling \$88 million over the biennium, a nine percent increase over the current appropriation. The budget also includes \$3.6 million for the new Regional Stewardship Program, \$3 million for research support, additional funding for workforce development, a \$3 million increase in support for adult education programs, and 23 state-funded building projects. Visit the Council Web site to view an [analysis of the adult and postsecondary education 2006-08 budget](#) and a [summary of the 2006 legislative actions](#).

Council to conduct statewide diversity study

The Council on Postsecondary Education, in conjunction with the state's public colleges and universities, will conduct a year-long diversity study to learn how to structure policies and practices to enroll and graduate more of the state's minority students. The study will assist in developing statewide and institutional diversity plans, define the concept of diversity for postsecondary education within the context of recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions, and inform statewide policy decisions related to enhancing campus diversity. For more information, [view the complete news release on the Council Web site](#).

Council to host 2006 Kentucky Conference on Student Engagement

The Council on Postsecondary Education will host the "2006 Kentucky Conference on Student Engagement: Moving from Data to Practice" May 23 – 24, 2006, in Lexington. The conference will bring together chief academic and student affairs officers and will focus on the use of national student survey results to integrate student engagement findings into ongoing assessment and improvement efforts. Jillian Kinzie, associate director for the National Survey of Student Engagement Institute, will conduct a three hour workshop to discuss the recently completed Documenting Effective Educational Practice project. For more information about this project, [visit the NSSE Institute Web site](#).

Summer and fall 2006 courses open in KYVU catalog

Registration for the 2006 summer and fall terms is now open at the Kentucky Virtual University. Students can choose from 102 online academic programs including certificate options, diplomas, and academic degree programs. KYVU also offers access to 18 professional development programs and 12 K-12 tutorial programs. KYVU features 5,942 online courses (including postsecondary courses, adult education, professional development, and K12 tutorials); 51,488 learners are taking advantage of the Web site's offerings this spring. Prospective students can [view the catalog and request courses by visiting the Kentucky Virtual University Web site](#).



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